

ANTI-TRUST MOVE BY U. S. AWAITED

Judge Dismisses Grand Jury
Framing Auto Indictments,
Citing "Impropriety."

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—The next move in an investigation of charges that three major automobile companies violated the anti-trust laws was up to Federal prosecutors today after dismissal of a Federal grand jury by Judge F. A. Geiger.

Prosecutor Russell Hardy said the jury voted indictments November 22 against Ford, Chrysler and General Motors and their affiliated car finance companies. But Judge Geiger dismissed the jury yesterday before it could return the indictments.

Judge Geiger said that "impropriety" on the part of the Department of Justice in discussing with counsel for the auto companies a consent decree in equity as an alternative to the possibility of the jury returning anti-trust law indictments, led to his ruling.

Asked Ruling Be Set Aside.

Hardy, special assistant to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, and the prosecutor working with the jury, asked that the ruling be set aside on the grounds the jury actually had voted indictments against the companies three weeks ago. The judge denied the motion.

Hardy disclosed that he had worked for three weeks, following the jurors' vote, preparing formal indictments against the companies, and that the indictments were ready to be returned last week upon reconvening of the jury.

Postponing the jury's reconvening, Judge Geiger summoned counsel for the automobile and finance companies before the court yesterday, questioning five of the attorneys concerning conditions in Wisconsin, D. C., last week. The attorneys said that at that time the Department of Justice proposed a consent decree to end the grand jury inquiry.

CHARLES F. SHAFER FUNERAL IS TODAY

Jeweler to Be Buried in Oak Hill
Cemetery—President of Firm
Was D. C. Native.

Funeral services for Charles F. Shafer, 78, president of the Harris & Shafer Co., jewelry firm at 1352 Connecticut avenue N.W., who died Thursday at his residence in the Wyoming Apartments, are being held this afternoon in Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Rev. Dr. J. H. Miers, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, is officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

A native of this city, Mr. Shafer began in the jewelry business in 1879 with his father, the late Charles A. Shafer, in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Later he moved to the 1300 block of F street N.W., and for the last eight years had been in business at the Connecticut avenue address.

Mr. Shafer was educated here in public schools at Emerson Institute and the Old Columbian University, now George Washington University.

TWO G. O. P. LEADERS SILENT ON FRANK

McNary and Vandenberg With-
hold Comment—Bridges and
Steiwer Laud Selection.

Selection of Dr. Glenn Frank to head the Republican Policy Drafting Committee drew expressions of approval from some party legislators yesterday, although others remained silent.

The selection brought no comment from either Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, or Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, the Borah of Idaho also declined comment, but friends represented him as dissatisfied with the committee's choice.

From Senator Bridges of New Hampshire came a statement that Dr. Frank "has the backing and the general knowledge to do a good job." Senator Steiwer of Oregon expressed approval and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts said:

"I shall be glad to co-operate with Dr. Frank in every way, and I hope that the efforts of the committee will be crowned with success."

Senator Austin of Vermont said Dr. Frank would be able to knit together liberal and conservative elements.

MRS. BOHANNON DIES

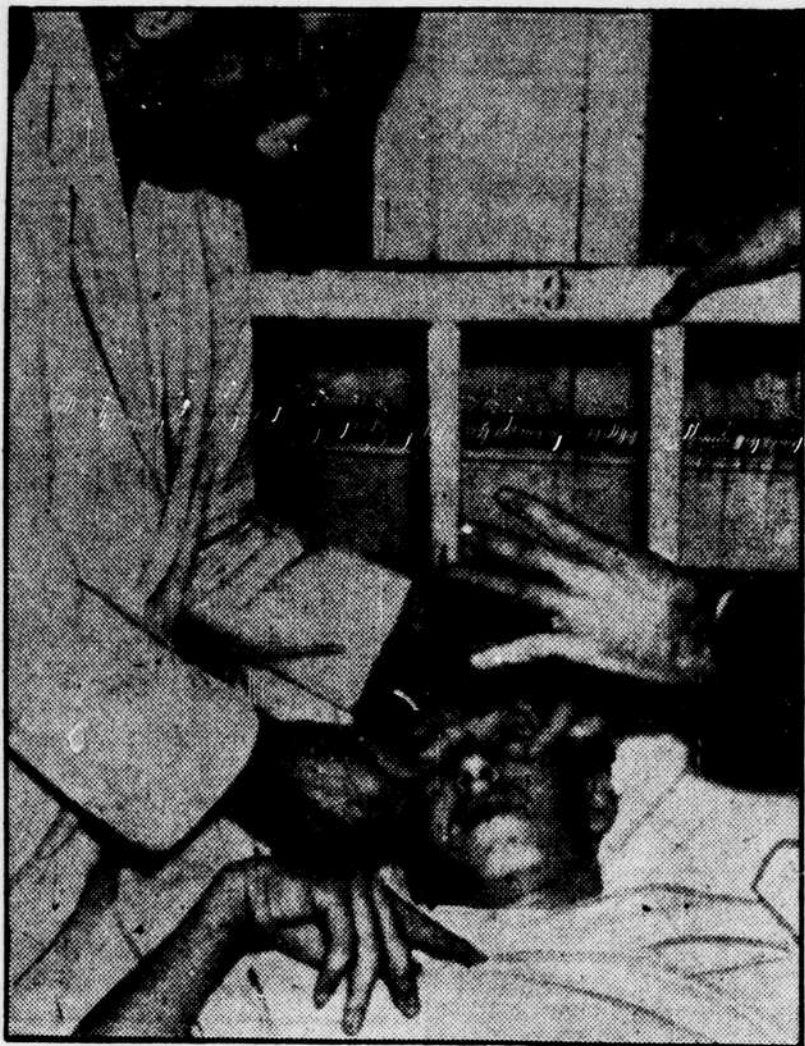
Montrose Woman, 70, to Be
Buried in Congressional Cemetery.

MONTROSE, Md., Dec. 18 (Special).—Mrs. Ammie T. Bohannon, 70, widow of Charles Bohannon, died Thursday at her home here after an illness of two months. She is survived by a daughter and a son, Mrs. Alfred H. Roderick, Washington, and William H. Bohannon, Montrose.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon with burial in Congressional Cemetery, Washington.

Before coming here about 10 years ago Mrs. Bohannon had lived in Washington many years.

Sees With Gift Eye



Frank Chabina, 19, who was given an eye by 68-year-old John Amos in an operation performed at New Orleans a week ago, is holding Chabina's eye open.

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Butchery in Nanking Capture Was Alleviated by Foreigners

Aliens Risked Own Lives to Help Welfare of 100,000 Chinese Civilians in Stricken City.

By A. T. STEELE.

CHANGSHAU, Dec. 18.—The fall of Nanking was an awful spectacle of butchery and confusion, but it would have been infinitely more frightful if not for the courageous efforts of a handful of American missionaries and German businessmen who stayed throughout the siege.

Working solely for the welfare of 100,000 civilians remaining in the stricken city these foreigners risked their lives when they came within inches of costing their lives.

The intervention of American missionaries on behalf of Chinese civilians known to be innocent saved many lives during the ruthless Japanese mopping-up operations. Patrols of Japanese soldiers moved through the streets, searched houses and arrested people in droves as suspected plainclothesmen. Few of them ever came back, but those who did said that their companions had been slaughtered without even the benefit of a summary trial.

German Soldier Foreigner Hurt.

I witnessed one of these execution parties and I have seen the grim results of others. What is more difficult, I have had to listen to the wailing and sobbing of women pleading for their husbands and children whom they will never see again.

The only foreigner wounded in the Nanking siege was a German who was cut by flying glass when a shell exploded outside his window. But all the 16 Americans who saw the thing through could tell stories of hair-raising escapes. None of them went through a more trying ordeal than two American doctors, C. S. Trimmer and Robert Wilson, who, despite the desertion of most of their Chinese staff, took in all seriously wounded Chinese civilians who were brought to the doors of their Christian hospital.

Amputations were an hourly routine. A shell burst in the hospital yard while Dr. Wilson was performing a delicate operation, shattering the windows and scattering the operating room with shrapnel, but the work went on. They were so overwhelmed with civilian cases they were unable to accept soldiers whom they directed to military hospitals, but in several cases they looked into the muzzles of guns held by soldiers who demanded treatment, or else. It took tact to wriggle out of such situations.

Chinese Nurses Robbed.

Later there was a new peril when Japanese soldiers entered the hospital and committed the conscienceless act of robbing the Chinese nurses of their watches and other articles of jewelry.

Other Americans braved shrapnel and bombs to go after food supplies for the destitute thousands concentrated within the so-called safety zone. Among the most active was Lewis Smythe, formerly of the University of Chicago, now of the University of Nanking, who showed complete disregard for his own safety.

Miss Minnie Vautrin of Secor, Ill., who was in charge of 1,000 destitute Chinese women and children seeking shelter in the Ginling University, had a hectic time when Japanese shells burst dangerously close and again when Japanese invaded the premises to loot the houses of the Chinese faculty members of this mission school.

Few if any missionary institutions escaped without some scars of warfare.

I had my own troubles, but I did not realize my insecurity until a shell landed in the church back of my home.

Foreign Area Safe.

The safety zone created in the heart of fortified Nanking by the committee of foreigners was built on a foundation of colossal nerve, for from the first it was evident that neither side would respect it fully. Nevertheless, while a score of shells fell inside the zone and the area was occasionally sprayed by stray bullets and shrapnel, it was probably safer than other parts of the country.

The pathetic aspect of the picture was the way the Chinese of this once intensely nationalistic capital flocked to foreigners for protection. Ten years ago when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army marched into Nanking shouting anti-foreign slogans, display of the American flag would have been an invitation to death. Now thousands of Chinese would give anything short of their lives to get under the protection of a foreign flag.

For those four chaotic days between the collapse of the Chinese defense and the occupation of Nanking, the Chinese population submitted themselves meekly and eagerly to the or-

ders and suggestions of the few foreign missionaries and merchants running the International Committee, which then was the sole administrative organ in the city.

Even trapped soldiers, hysterical with fear, besieged the committee headquarters with abject supplications for foreign protection against the approaching enemy.

It is noticeable that despite the complete demoralization of the Chinese soldiery that they did not turn on the foreigners, who would have been an easy prey for looting. The same cannot be said for the Japanese, who flouted foreign rights and repeatedly raided foreign properties plainly marked with embassy notices and flags.

All of us did some service in carrying wounded to the hospitals. The streets were full of them and the piteous pleading for assistance was difficult to resist.

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MRS. ELLEN SULLIVAN, NATIVE OF D. C., DIES

One of Oldest Residents of Georgetown to Be Buried After Services Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, 87, widow of Jeremiah Sullivan, died yesterday at her home, 3422 O street N.W., after an illness of about a year.

A native of this city, Mrs. Sullivan was one of Georgetown's oldest residents. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien. Her husband, who died many years ago, operated a grocery business at Thirty-fifth and O streets. Following his death, Mrs. Sullivan conducted the business until about 20 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Lillian Sullivan and Miss Josephine Sullivan; two sons, James J. and Jeremiah Sullivan, and a sister, Mrs. John Sullivan. She also leaves four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, following brief services at the residence. Burial will be in Holy Rood Cemetery.

U. S. AVIATION HELD FORCE FOR PEACE

Assistant Secretary of War
Talks on Air at Dinner of
Aero Club Here.

The opening of the thirty-fifth year of aviation finds the airplane in the United States constituting "a mighty force for peace," Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson said last night in a radio address commemorating the thirty-fourth anniversary of the first airplane flight.

The address of Mr. Johnson and an anniversary dinner held by the Aero Club of Washington and other local aviation groups at the Shoreham Hotel last night brought to a close the local observance of national aviation day. Capt. William J. Tate, U. S. C. G., retired, in whose home the Wright brothers lived at Kitty Hawk, N. C., during the period of their experiments and who was an eye-witness to the first flight, was the speaker at the dinner.

Speaking over the network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Assistant Secretary of War pointed out that the air transport plane "is welding us into a stronger and more cohesive national unit."

"Sectionalism and narrow provincialism cannot thrive when the distances of today are killed by the flight of an hour and often only of minutes," Mr. Johnson said. "Let us hope that the plane, which is playing an important role in the making of our United States a homogeneous community, will jump the artificial barriers that peoples have put up between themselves and will contribute toward a better and freer understanding among nations."

Capt. Tate told of incidents leading up to the first airplane flight, on the beach at Kitty Hawk at 10:30 a.m. December 17, 1903, and described the flight, made with Orville Wright at the controls.

At Kitty Hawk, earlier yesterday, 40 Navy airplanes from Norfolk flew over the scene of the first flight while Capt. John H. Hoover, commander of the Norfolk Naval Air Station, placed a wreath on the Wright Memorial erected on the sand dune from which most of the early glider flights were made by the Wrights and at the foot of which the first airplane was launched.

Art Lectures Open at Howard.

The lecture series sponsored by the Friends of Art and the Department of Art of Howard University for the season of 1937-38 opened last night with a talk by Gordon Dunthorne on "Flower and Fruit Prints of the 18th and 19th Centuries."

Paris Baker Strike Ended.

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AP).—Arbitration of wages between bakery operators and employees today ended a stay-in strike involving about 2,500 workers. "The bakery stay-in accounted for about half the strikers in a new wave of disputes in several industries. Details of the accord were not disclosed."

Bad Piloting Bigger Handicap Than Japan for Chinese Flyers

By C. YATES McDANIEL,

Associated Press Staff Correspondent.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—Four times as many Chinese planes crashed from poor piloting as Japanese guns shot down. That tells the story of what happened to China's air force.

Not one American flyer took to the air in action against the Japanese. Russian airmen, who flew in 50 planes from the Soviet, were the only fighters to join the Chinese air force in action.

Late in November several Russian planes were brought down around Nanking and two injured Russian aviators were treated at the American Hospital.

China's Italian air advisers ended their services when hostilities began because of political co-operation between Japan and Italy.

Furthermore, the Chinese were in constant fear that the Italians might aid the Japanese.

When the government moved from Nanking, its air force flew off, leaving the capital's defenders entirely without aerial support during the Japanese siege.

Anti-aircraft batteries, which fired hundreds of rounds every day, shot

GREEK SHIP OWNER ANSWERS IN LIBEL

Chandris Pleads U. S. Court
Lacks Jurisdiction in \$46,-
970 Damage Case.

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18.—Judge Luther B. Way yesterday took under consideration in Federal Court a triple-barreled plea of John B. Chandris of Piraeus, Greece, for dismissal of the \$46,970 in damage suits filed against him as a result of the sinking of the Greek steamer Tenny Chandris off the coast of North Carolina November 13 with a loss of seven lives.

Various pleas and affidavits and a small amount of testimony were presented to the judge at a hearing this morning, at the conclusion of which he announced the decision would be deferred.

Plea No. 1 offered by Chandris is lack of jurisdiction. Since the suits involve claims by Greek citizens against another citizen of Greece for an occurrence outside the territorial waters of the United States, the matter is not one for United States courts, Chandris holds. He adds that ample remedy is offered under the laws of Greece.

Plea No. 2 is the matter of a treaty of 1903 between the United States and Greece. Under its terms, Chandris holds, the consular officers of the Kingdom of Greece have "exclusive jurisdiction" in the United States to hear complaints of Greek seamen against a Greek vessel or owner, especially in matters arising on the high seas.

Plea No. 3, which came as something of a surprise, is Chandris' claim that he no longer owns the S. S. Mari Chandris and S. S. Rockport, which have been attached under the admiralty suits filed by five survivors of the Tenny Chandris. He claims that he sold these two vessels to George Georgantis of Greece, in that country at 9 a.m. December 3. The first of the damage suits was filed in Norfolk at 1:10 p.m. the same day.

E. H. KERWIN'S WIDOW EXPIRES AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Adelaide M. Kerwin, 65, widow of Eugene H. Kerwin, died last night at her home, 6024 Illinois avenue N.W., after a long illness.

Mrs. Kerwin had been a resident of this city for 23 years. Her husband, well known as an examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, died in April, 1935.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas and James Farrer, and a daughter, Mrs. Adelaide A. Dyer, all children by a former marriage. She also leaves two grandchildren, four sisters, among whom is Mrs. Charles Brown, this city, and a brother.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday in St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, following brief services at the residence. Burial will be in Philadelphia.

"Two Generations"



"Two Generations," a painting by Alexander Kruse appearing in the American Artists Congress exhibit at New York December 15 to 30. The congress, avowedly left wing, staged the exhibit as anti-Fascist propaganda.

NEWSPRINT PROBE URGED BY SENATOR

Cummings Asked to Investigate
Reports of Monopoly Practices
Skyrocketing Prices.

By the Associated Press.

Senator Pope, Democrat, of Idaho, appealed today to Attorney General Cummings to give his "earliest consideration" to reports that "monopolistic practices" were skyrocketing the price of newsprint paper.

"Newspaper publishers and magazine distributors are genuinely alarmed," he wrote.

Idaho publishers, he added, advised him the price charged for paper was higher than could be reasonably justified or accounted for unless "it is subject to monopolistic practices."

Senator Pope said he understood the Department of Justice was undertaking "a substantial program in connection with trusts and monopolies" and urged on Attorney General Cummings "the advisability of investigating with a view to appropriate action, the enterprise or enterprises responsible for the continual increase in the price of paper."

18 Injured in Bus Crash.

BARRACKVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 18 (AP).—A bus plunged off a highway in a dense fog last night and rolled into a creek, injuring 18 of the 20 occupants. Seventeen passengers and the driver were treated for superficial hurts at a hospital. Six were discharged. The West Virginia Transportation Co. operates the bus line from Fairmont to Wheeling, in North-eastern West Virginia.

CZECHS IN ACCORD WITH PARIS AIMS

Delbos and Krofta Assert
Complete Agreement
of Viewpoints.

By the Associated Press.

PRAHA, Dec. 18.—French and Czechoslovakian foreign ministers, Yvon Delbos and Dr. Kamil Krofta, today re-emphasized what they termed the complete agreement of viewpoints between their two governments on the eve of M. Delbos' departure for Paris.

"Czechoslovakia is but an extension of France," M. Delbos said in an interview. "The similarity of our views is demonstrated among other things by the fact that both countries are opposed to dividing the world into ideological blocs and they favor a general all-round appeasement."

Last Stop on Tour.

Praha was the last stop on M. Delbos' two-week tour of the capitals of France's Central European allies. He came here from Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade.

"I came to give tangible evidence of our friendship for Czechoslovakia and our other Eastern sister nations and with the aid of these friendships so far as possible to arrive at a general appeasement," M. Delbos went on. "Czechoslovakia and France do not need to write memoranda to each other. They understand each other."

Approves Delbos' Statements.

Dr. Krofta added that he approved every word of M. Delbos' statements, but added:

"I want to set at rest certain rumors that we have given up collective security and are aiming at bilateral agreements. That is not the case. Czechoslovakia, ever since its foundation, has included bilateral agreements, especially with Germany, but these agreements must harmonize with our international obligations."

HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Strayer College Students Hear

Program of Music.

Strayer College held its annual Christmas assembly yesterday at the Masonic Temple Auditorium, Third street and New York avenue N.W. Justin Lawrie, chairman of Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, directed a program of Christmas music, and a sextet of radio singers sang several songs. C. J. Crouch, principal of the shorthand department of the college, presided.

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D. "Style matched" Toaster Set for serving tasty relishes and toast at breakfast, for informal luncheons, or suppers where the guests make their own sandwiches. Tray, toaster, and "Fiesta" relish dishes—\$6.95

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